

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

As a writer-producer of TV shows, particularly news and public affairs, I have seen and felt the shrinking of viewpoints and the near-total curtailing of public access over the last 20 years. This must be stopped -- if not be reversed by divestiture -- now. Restore license renewal ascertainment, community outreach, public files, and programming requirements. You can see what deregulation has done to broadcasting in three words: Anna Nicole Smith. This is good???